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FM AMEMBASSY BUCHAREST
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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: CVIS, RO
SUBJECT: TCP PROGRAM

REF: ROME 16826 (NOTAL)

1. ON OCTOBER 18 EMBASSY RECEIVED CABLE FROM INS
OFFICE IN ROME RESTRICTING PERSONS ELIGIBLE FOR TCP
PROGRAM TO THOSE HAVING PARENTS, SIBLINGS, OR ADULT
CHILDREN IN US. PRIOR TO RECEIPT THIS MESSAGE IT HAD
BEEN OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT GIVEN SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES
IN ROMANIA BOTH DEPARTMENT AND INS HAD ACCEPTED BROADER
WORKINGDEFINITION OF "FIRESIDE RELATIVES" TO INCLUDE
AUNTS, UNCLES OR FIRST COUSINS IN US. ACCORDINGLY
WE HAVE PROCESSED A NUMBER OF TCP CASES IN PAST 12
MONTHS ON BASIS OF THIS WIDER DEFINITION.

2. EMBASSY URGENTLY REQUESTS CLARIFICATION AS TO WHY
DEFINITION CHANGED AT THIS TIME. ALTHOUGH WE HAVE
MINIMUM OF STATISTICAL EVIDENCE ON WHICH TO ASSESS
IMPLICATIONS THIS DEVELOPMENT WILL HOLD FOR ROMANIAN
TCP PROGRAM, WE EXPECT THEY WILL BE SUBSTANTIAL. OF
IMMEDIATE CONCERN TO EMBASSY IS PROBLEM OF THOSE TCP
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CASES ALREADY IN "PIPELINE" I.E., CASES WHERE PERSONS

HAVE BEEN PREVIOUSLY INFORMED THAT, WITH INS APPROVAL, THEY COULD QUALIFY FOR TCP STATUS ON BASIS OF COUSIN/UNCLE/AUNT IN US. FOLLOWING CASE CITED AS EXAMPLE OF DIFFICULTIES IN WHICH THIS EMBASSY FINDS ITSELF FOLLOWING NEW INS RULING.

3. A ROMANIAN COUPLE FIRST APPROACHED EMBASSY IN 1971 RE IMMIGRATION TO US. FORMER CONSOFF GAVE THEM CERTIFICATE IN ROMANIAN LANGUAGE STATING THEY WERE ELIGIBLE FOR IV'S. BASIS FOR THIS FINDING UNKNOWN AS FILE AND PERSONAL INTERVIEWS WITH COUPLE SHOW NO LABOR CERTIFICATION AND ONLY RELATIVE IN US IS A COUSIN. NOR DOES ANY OTHER BASIS OF QUALIFICATION EXIST. THE NEXT APPROACHED EMBASSY IN NOVEMBER 1975 STATING THEY WOULD SHORTLY GET PASSPORTS WITH ROMANIAN EXIT VISA FOR ISRAEL. THEY LATER CHANGED DESTINATION TO US. IN JUNE 1976 FORMER EMBASSY CONSOFF GAVE THEM CERTIFICATE IN ROMANIAN LANGUAGE STATING THEY WERE QUALIFIED TO OBTAIN TCP STATUS. IN JULY 1976 COUPLE RECEIVED STATELESS PERSONS PASSPORTS (DUE TO EXPIRE ON NOVEMBER 11, 1976) AND PROCEEDED TO DIVEST THEMSELVES OF ALL PROPERTY, EMPLOYMENT AND OTHER TIES IN ROMANIA. EMBASSY PRESENTLY AT LOSS AS TO HOW TO DEAL WITH CASE, ESPECIALLY IN LIGHT OF CERTIFICATES PREVIOUSLY GIVEN TO THEM BY CONSOFFS. IN VIEW OF PROXIMITY OF EXPIRATION DATE OF COUPLE'S PASSPORTS, DEPARTMENT'S GUIDANCE URGENTLY REQUESTED.

4. WE ESTIMATE THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY 60-75 SIMILAR CASES IN "PIPELINE" (MAJORITY OF WHOM HAVE NOT RPT NOT RECEIVED CERTIFICATES STATING THEY ELIGIBLE FOR ENTRY INTO). A NUMBER OF THESE WILL PROBABLY NOT QUALIFY FOR TCP PROGRAM UNDER NEW GROUND RULES. THE HUMANITARIAN AND POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS WHICH INDUCED US TO INITIATE TCP PROGRAM REMAIN AS VALID TODAY AS THEY WERE A YEAR AGO. IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES WE URGE DEPARTMENT TO REVIEW SITUATION WITH INS IN EFFORT TO RETAIN ORIGINAL WORKING DEFINITION OF "FIRESIDE RELATIVES."

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5. INS ROME TEL (REF) BEING REPEATED BY SEPTTEL.
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